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At the last Regular Meeting of the Society, we were all agreeably entertained by Professor Harley Gibb, of Wayne University, with an interesting talk on "The Life of Old Detroit in 1780". Professor Gibb painted a very colorful word-picture of Old Detroit, and Wayne County, as well as the Canadian Side of the River, and brought out the many beauties of this, our native territory.

The Directors' Meeting was held March 26, and the following was directed by Mr. Moyer to be brought to the attention of all the Members: All applications for Membership must be handled in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws, that is, the application, properly endorsed, and accompanied by the fee, must be handed to one of the Membership Committee. They must not be handled in any other manner. Regular DUES are to be paid to the Treasurer, Mr. Roy T. McNaghten.

It was also suggested that the Chairman of the Research Committee organize a "Caravan" to journey to nearby cemeteries for the purpose of copying Tombstone Records and Inscriptions where the same has not ever been done. The Members of the Society can be of much aid in reporting to Mrs. F. A. DeBoos any cemeteries which have not yet been copied. This promises to be an interesting and entertaining expedition.

The Kent County Records have been indexed, and the index is now available to our Members.

An index of 9200 names, being Tombstone Records of Lenawee County, Mich., townships of Adrian, Rome, Rollin, Woodstock, Cambridge, Franklin and Raisin, has been given to the Burton Collection by Mrs. Harriet C. Bowen, B-9. This forms a very valuable addition to the collection.

At this writing, our Ex-president, Mr. Edwin P. Hill, is recovering from a very sudden and severe illness. He was confined to Providence Hospital, but was expected to return home Saturday, April 2nd. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

We have just received word from our member Mr. L. A. Merrill (M-5), that his mother, Mrs. I. A. Merrill of St. Paul, Minn., passed away Monday, March 28th, at the age of 71 years. She left seven sons, her husband having died in the early 1900's.

Members will greatly assist the Records Committee by indicating on their charts all emigrant ancestors, and all who had service in any of our country's wars, such as "Pequot War", "Rev. War", "War-1812", "Mex. War", "Civil War", "Sp. War", "World War", etc.

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Progenitor Cards are now ready and available for reference. Members may consult them by contacting the Records Committee.

Members are urged to turn in any data that they may have, either on loan, or where they have copies. The Records Committee is anxious to obtain lineages, deeds, wills, etc., which will be of interest to all. The advantage to be gained by this was well demonstrated when Mrs. E. V. Howlett, through the Marriage Records of Greene County, Tenn., in possession of Mrs. Z. R. Peterson, as announced in the January Bulletin, was able to complete four lines back to Revolutionary times.

We are indebted to Mrs. Kelsey for the information that members working on SOUTHERN OHIO families will find the first 512 surveys made in the "North-west Territory" and which should be in the Hamilton County, Ohio, History are listed in pages 36 to 50 of the History of Clement County.

The recent floods and rains in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, bring to mind a similar catastrophe that occurred in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on Monday the 28th day of August, 1826.

There they had one of the most remarkable floods of rain ever known in that region and attended with circumstances of calamity perhaps unequalled previously in the State of New Hampshire.

The devastation caused by mountain slides was terrific. Many lives were lost and much property destroyed.

Of interest to the genealogist is the contemporary record of this holocaust which was described by Jacob B. Moore, a traveller who visited the location at that time and went through the Notch and surrounding territory, notably near the town of Baldwin.

In this account is mentioned a Capt. Willey whose entire family of seven persons was destroyed, together with two laborers in Capt. Willey's employ, David Nickerson aged 21, and David Allen aged 37.

The names and ages of the Willey's were furnished by a relative of Mrs. Willey.

Samuel Willey, Jr.	aged	38
Polly L. Willey	"	35
Eliza Ann	"	13
Jeremiah L.	"	11
Martha G.	"	9
Elbridge G.	"	7
Sally	"	5

Capt. Willey's brother and, it is believed, his father, both represented the town of Conway in the State Legislature. Another brother was Rev. B. G. Willey.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Just off from a pretty by-path in the rural district of Yorkshire, England, stands a little wayside pulpit, on which the following words are inscribed: "The woods would be very quiet if no birds sang but those that sang the best."

Quite an obvious message, whose import is every bit as true in our organization as it is in the woods. Each one of us should add his contribution in service and helpfulness, be his abilities and opportunities either great or small, and thus avoid the implication of an 'inferiority complex'. There can be no justification for shirking whatever is expected of us, by the camouflage of "I am entirely unfitted for that", or "Let someone else do that, one who is more capable than I."

Remember: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang but those that sang the best.

At this time when the whole world is in a seeming state of turmoil and the very air seems to be charged with uncertainty, unrest and confusion, many people are turning to some avocation or hobby to aid them in steadying their nerves and help them forget their worries.

Maybe you can assist someone by telling him about the study of genealogy and also inviting him to attend our meetings and join with us. You will be thus doing a double service in promoting the cause of a really worthwhile hobby. The individual will doubtless be grateful and the Society will likewise gain thereby. Think it over and act.

Then there is the matter of donations to the Society. Some of you may have in your possession, valuable records that you do not care to part with and which may be too lengthy to copy or some other reason prevents you from turning them over to the Society.

If you feel that after you pass away that these records, manuscripts, books, photos etc., should be willed to the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, won't you please make arrangements now to have this taken care of before it is too late.

Furthermore, if you know of anyone outside of our group who would be willing to do this, please put us in touch with them and we will take the proper steps to accomplish that purpose.

A very curious epitaph is found in the parish church-yard of St. Onolous Church in Portlemouth, Devon, England.

"Here lieth the body of Richard Jarvis of Rickham in this Parish who departed this life the 25th day of May 1782 aet at 77 years.

Through poisons strong he was cut off  
And brot to death at last.  
It was by his apprentice girl  
On whom there's sentence past.  
Oh! may all people warning take  
For she was burned to a stake."

Harold E. Moyer

The Pilgrim's Progress 1620-1875  
(continued from Bulletin #8)

- 1780. Buys an "Umbrillo" for Sundays; and whenever he shows it is laughed at for his effeminacy.
- 1791. Starts a Cotton Spinning factory.
- 1792. Has been raising Silkworms, in Connecticut; and now gives his minister (not his wife) a home-made silk gown. Buys a Carpet, for the middle of the parlor floor.
- 1793. Invents the Cotton Gin - thereby trebles the value of southern plantations.
- 1795-1800. Wears Pantaloons occasionally, but not when in full dress. Begins to use plates on the breakfast and tea-table.
- 1802. Has the boys and girls vaccinated.
- 1806. Tries to burn a piece of Hard Coal from Philadelphia; a failure.
- 1807. Sees a boat go by Steam on the Hudson.
- 1815. Holds a little Convention at Hartford, but doesn't propose to dissolve the Union. Buys one of Terry's patent "Shelf Clocks", for \$36.00, and regulates his watch by it.
- 1817. Sets up a Stove in the Meeting House, and builds a fire in it on Sunday; an innovation which is stoutly resisted by many.
- 1817. Begins to run a Steamboat on Long Island Sound-and takes passage on it to New York, after making his will.
- 1819. Grown bolder, he crosses the Atlantic in a steamship.
- 1822. Lights Gas in Boston (but doesn't light Boston with Gas, til 1829). At last learns how to make Hard Coal burn, and sets a grate in his parlor. Buys a Steel Pen (one of Gillott's, sold at \$33.00 per gross). Has his every-day shirts made without Ruffles.
- 1825. About this time puts a Percussion Lock on his old musket.
- 1826. Buys his wife a pair of queer-shaped India Rubber overshoes. Puts on his first False Collar. Tries an "Experimental" railroad, by horse-power.
- 1828. Tastes his first Tomato-doubtfully. Is told that it is unfashionable to feed himself with his knife-and buys Silver Forks, for great occasions.
- 1833. Rubs his first Friction Match-then called a 'Lucifer' and afterwards 'Loco Foco'. Throws away the old Tinder Box, with its flint and steel.
- 1835. Invents the Revolver, and sets about supplying the World with it as a peace-maker. Tries a Gold Pen but does not find a good one-nor till 1844. Builds a Railroad and rides on it.
- 1837. Gets in a Panic- and out again, after free use of "shin-plasters".
- 1838. Adopts the new fashion of putting his letters in Envelopes, ( a fashion which does not fairly prevail till seven years later).
- 1840. Sits for his Daguerreotype, and gets a picture fearfully and wonderfully made. Begins to blow himself up with 'Camphene' and 'Burning Fluid'; and continues the process for years, with changes of name of the active agent down to and including 'Non-Explosive Kerosene'.
- 1844. Sends his first message by the Electric Telegraph.
- 1847. Buys his wife a Sewing Machine - in the vain hope that somehow it will keep the buttons on his shirts. Begins to receive advices from the 'Spirit World'.
- 1855. Begins to bore and be bored by the Hoosac Tunnel.
- 1858. Celebrates the laying of the Ocean Cable, and sends friendly messages to John Bull. Next week begins to doubt whether the Cable has been laid at all.
- 1861. Goes south to help compose a family quarrel. Takes to using Paper Money.
- 1861-1865. Climbs the Hill Difficulty-relieved of his pack, after Jan. 1, 1864. but loses Greatheart, April 14, 1865.

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- 1865-66. Gets the Atlantic Cable in working order at last, in season to send word to his British Cousins (who have been waiting for an invitation to his funeral) that he "lives yet".
- 1865-75. Is reconstructing, and talking about Resumption. Sends his boys to the Museum to see an old fashion Silver Dollar.
1875. Goes to Bunker Hill to pay honor to the illustrious men who commanded General Putnam. Thinks he won't inflate and strangles a western rag baby. Gets ready to celebrate his second golden wedding by a grand family reunion, next-year, in Philadelphia.

J. H. T., in Hartford Courant Almanac, 1876

The End

During the Revolutionary War, the residents of several Connecticut towns suffered considerable damage to property when these towns were fired by British troops. In order to compensate the sufferers for their losses, the State of Connecticut by quit-claim, granted some 500,000 acres at the western end of her Western Reserve to 1870 persons from nine towns-Greenwich, Norwalk, Fairfield, Danbury, New Haven, East Haven, New London, Ridgefield and Groton. These lands were known as the "Fire-Lands" and included the present counties of Huron and Erie, Ohio, and the townships of Ruggles in Ashland County and Danbury in Ottawa County, Ohio.

On pages 16 to 20 in "History of the Fire Lands, comprising Huron & Erie Counties, Ohio" published by W. W. Williams, Cleveland 1879, (a copy of which is to be found in the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library) appears a "List of Original Sufferers, classified by Towns with the amount of each Individual's loss". Many of them and their descendants settled on the Fire Lands, and this list has been found of service in tracing the eastern origin of some of the mid-west families.

Contributed by Elijah Hunter Owen.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following New Members:

F-10	Finley, Mr. Howard	Field Hotel, 445 Field Ave.	
H-16	Hanna, Mrs. Scott Clay (Elouise W)	12561 Third Ave.	To 5-6154
M-16	McCain, Mrs. Winifred N.	Eddystone Hotel	Ca 9880
S-10	Shaver, Charlotte B.	Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, Mich.	De 1810
V-3	Vroman, Mrs. J. L. (Della C. Allen)	3660 Van Dyke Ave.	Iv 0894

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

WHELAN, Mrs. Hoyt E. (W-2) Tecumseh, Mich.

Members interested in Western New York and Genesee Valley will be pleased to know that a Society is being formed for Historical and Genealogical Research in Genesee County. If interested, write Donald E. Poste, 16 Handley St., Perry, N. Y.



QUERY SECTION

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

- 55-4 The Maiden Name of Anna, Wife of Dr. Richard Palgrave, was Anna Harris; however, I can give no reference on the Harris Family. Her will was dated at Roxbury Mar. 11, 1668-9, and proved May 1, 1669. I shall try to give proof of this later. - Miss Marcella Perkins, P-7.

Query 54-3

Thomas Bonney of Duxbury, Mass. d. at the age of 89, naming only one son, Thomas Bonney, Jr. in his will.

Thomas Bonney, Jr.

Dorcas Sampson, dau. of Henry Samson (Mayflower) & Ann Plummer who were m 2/6/1636.

Children

John	b 1664
William	b 1667
James	b 1671
Joseph	b 1677
Ebenezer	
Thomas	
Elizabeth	

- Boston Transcript for 9/13/1933

A note states the above corrects "two obvious errors in Winsor's History of Duxbury."

Additional data contained in above-mentioned Transcript.

-Mrs. Z. R. Peterson, P.-4.

Correction Query #92

The name, Orasmus Cooley was inadvertently spelled Erasmus.

QUERIES

101. HEGEMAN, HAGEMAN, S-8 wants family name of Charity (or Catherine) wife of Christian Hegeman. He was born Aug. 10, 1745. Married about 1765! Date of her birth unknown.
102. HAEGEMAN: S-8 wants information about Jan Haegeman and his wife. Margaret Clerck, mentioned in Riker's "Haarlem" in 1643, married in 1650, had son Marcus b 1653.

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- 103 BROWN: P-5 wants origin of Dr. Brown of Providence, R. I., 1760-1778.
- 104 WILLIAMS: R-10 wants father of Charles Williams of Preston, Conn. Supposed to be James or Joseph from Plymouth, Salem, or Taunton, Mass. ante 1680.
- 105 CROSS: B-5 wants further information of Robert Cross and wife Mary. They lived in Orange County, N. Y. and moved to Phelps, N. Y. about 1799/1800. He died there in 1801. Had daughter, Lettecia Cross who m. 1798 Silas Harris in Orange Co., N. Y.
- 106 CHILLSON, CONVERSE: B-5 wants date of death of Lydia Converse Chillson. She m. Benjamin Chillson in 1776 in Killingly, Ct. Was she the dau. of Luke & Ruth (Lamb) Converse, who was b. 1760 in Leicester, Mass.
- 107 JOHNSTON: B-5 wants parentage of Laurence Johnston, b 12/19/1750. He d. 3/26/1813 in Montgomery Co., N. Y. or at Carlisle, N. Y. His wife was Eleanor Huddleston. They had children; Mary, who m. Jehiel Bryan; Elizabeth, m. a Dr. Lothrop; Helen who m. Dr. David Budd; Richard, Hiram, and possibly others.
- 108 MINER - PUNDERSON: B-5 wants parents of Hannah Miner who m. Rev. Ebenezer Punderson in 1732. She was supposed to have been the granddaughter of Ephraim Miner and Hannah Avery.
- 109 WEBLER - SHAPLEY: B-10 wants parentage of Elizabeth Webler, b 1/13/1788; m. 11/1/1809 in Cazenovia, N. Y. to Oramel Shapley. She d. in Cazenovia in 1857 or 1867.
- 110 BARTLETT - CHANDLER: Josiah Bartlett m. 1/3/1722/23 in Marshfield, Mass. to Mercy Chandler. B-10 would like parentage of this Mercy Chandler.
- 111 BANCROFT, WHITE: M-15 would like verification of the following: Sarah White Bancroft, b 1718-9, d Apr. 1, 1802, Granville, Mass., was wife of Samuel Bancroft, first settler of Granville, 1736. She is reported to be a Puritan Descendant in L. H. Evarts "History of Connecticut River Valley" (Mass.), pl082.
- 112 SKINNER. P 4 wants information about William Skinner, whose will was probated 12/4/1794 in Kent County, Delaware, naming his wife Rebecca, and children John, Thomas, Daniel, Stephen, Nelly, Betsy and Mary Cole. Who were his parents and what was the full name of his wife? Was this Delaware family a branch of the Maryland Skinners?





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113. SUMMERS -- BUSBY P-4 wishes information about Peter Summers and Elizabeth Busby (Buzby) who were married in Philadelphia 6-4-1803. Who were their parents?
114. ALEXANDER-KING-SHARP P-4 wants to know about William Alexander who married Elizabeth King 12/9/1762 in the old Paxtang Presbyterian Church, Lancaster County (now Dauphin Co.) Penn. Who were their parents? Their son, George Alexander, married Jane Sharp about 1790 in North Carolina. Who were her parents?
115. SNYDER P-4 wishes all possible information about the Isaac H. Snyder family who lived in Essex County, New Jersey, in the early 1800's.
116. BIRD P-4 wants the names of the parents of John Bird, Sr. who was living during the Revolutionary War, in that part of North Carolina which later became East Tennessee. He died in Greene County, Tennessee in 1830, leaving a widow Mary, but think she was his second wife. Who was his first wife?
117. HENSHAW P-4 wants the name of the wife of John Henshaw, b May 29, 1679, Dorchester, Mass, son of Joshua Henshaw & Elizabeth Sumner.
118. ADAIR-MONTGOMERY: P-4 would like to know the parentage of James Adair who m. Rebecca Montgomery in Laurens Co. (old District 96), S. C., later removing to Franklin Co., Ind. about 1801. Also date of their marriage.
119. HUTCHINSON P-4 desires the parentage of William Hutchinson (Hutchison, Hutcheson), who was born about 1844 in Jackson County, Illinois, and who served in The Civil War from Tennessee
120. HURD-HAYNES-PARMELEE. M-7

Lovewell Hurd married Margere Parmelee in Killingworth, Middlesex County, Connecticut, February 17, 1784.

In Vermont Census of 1790 is shown a Lovil Hurd residing in Sandgate, Bennington County with 3 males under 16 and his wife.

I have in my possession a letter from Hosack, Rennsellaer County, N. Y. dated June 1822, signed by Aaron Haynes and Margery Haynes. This letter was addressed to my great grandfather one, Adin Hurd, and the salutation reads: Our dear children.

The Hurd Genealogy by Dena Hurd shows the marriage of Lovewell Hurd and Margere Parmelee and shows Lovewell as the son of Samuel and brother to Trumen. The letter mentions 'your Uncle Truman'.

Problem: Was Lovewell of Killingworth (or Roxbury) the same person as Lovil of Sandgate? What were the names of the 3 boys? Did Margere Parmelee Hurd marry Aaron Haynes for her 2nd husband?

The History of Rensselaer County says that Aaron Haynes died in 1827 and his wife Mary --- in 1811?

Can give full data on descendants of Adin Hurd who was born 9 2 1784.